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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:

- A Preliminary Amendment.
- An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action Dated 3/15/00.
- An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed _____.

- Other: _____
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 was established in a previous submission.
- A Statement Claiming Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the Patent and Trademark Office.
- Substitute Pages _____ of the Specification are enclosed.
- An Abstract is enclosed.
- _____ Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.
- A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: _____ is enclosed.
- An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- Information Disclosure Statement.
 - Attached Form 1449.
 - A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
- Appended Material as follows: _____
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No Additional Fee is Due.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	23	26 (20 MINIMUM)	0	\$9 EACH	\$	\$18 EACH	\$
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	3 (3 MINIMUM)	0	\$39 EACH	\$	\$78 EACH	\$
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Petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of 3/15/00 to and through 7/15/00 comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of 1 month.

The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is

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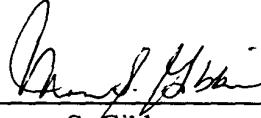
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Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 or 1.20(d).

SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

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